

Broughty Ferry Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. Community Councillors Present

Doreen Phillips (Chair), Neil Cooney (V-Chair), James Doig (Secretary), John Watson (Planning), Tara Javed (Treasurer), Isobel McLean, Charlie Delaney, Fiona Potton, Molly Laidlaw, George Laidlaw, John Spink.

Ex-Officio

Bailie Derek Scott

Apologies

Chris Johnson, Norma McGovern, Christine Rea, Cllr Craig Duncan.

Members of the Public Present

Six members of the public were in attendance.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting (4th November 2025)

The draft minute (previously distributed) was agreed as a true minute, proposed by Isobel McLean seconded by John Spink and agreed by the members present.

3. Matters Arising

Consultation regarding downgrade or closure of Balmossie Fire & Rescue / Ambulance Station. Chair responded on behalf of BFCC. Consultation events have taken place and we await a decision in early 2026.

Broughty Ferry 'Breathing Space' benches which encourage people in distress to take a step back, they offer a phone number to call for help and support.

Neil Cooney has been in touch with Tony McLaren & Lisa Dock who are keen to provide support. Cost including installation is £1500 with Breathing Space possibly assisting with a small proportion of the total cost, and BFCC required to provide the majority of the cost, possibly through Community Regeneration Fund or trust application. This was discussed and agreed that BFCC apply for funding from the Regeneration Fund. It was agreed that the siting of the bench would be in the Queen Street community garden area.

Neil Cooney has an application form for completion and has been in touch with the suppliers and D&A College with regard to requirements and advice.

Bank Account; Tara Javed has opened a BFCC account with Virgin Money, most of the transactions will be completed online. Neil Cooney will be the second named person on the account. It is noted that if cheques are used, they may require any two from three signatures. Further information under Treasurers report.

Sustainable Transport Corridor; There is a proposal to create sustainable transport corridors on Arbroath Road and Lochee Road. BFCC agreed we invite a project team member to address a future meeting (November/December). More information about the project can be found at the hub site: <https://dundee-sustainable-transport-corridors-swecouk.hub.arcgis.com>

The sustainable transport corridor 'Arbroath Road' is the length from Claypotts junction to Scott Fyffe roundabout.

Bailie Scott provided information and project team member name to give a talk at the November or December meeting. Secretary had written invite to them. Their reply stated they could not attend in person, but could dial in online. They were informed we did not have that facility, and were invited sometime in the new year. We await a response.

A portacabin located in the Torridon Road car park (adjacent to the shops) has been there for some time, it is not known who owns it what it contains and there are no markings on it. Investigations ongoing.

Pedestrian safety highlighted in Brook Street (outside Superdrug) where a collapsed chimney has been barricaded off for some considerable time.

Following a site visit it was determined there is not enough width to create a pedestrian passage. A footway closed sign and a pedestrian directional sign have been positioned at the dropped crossing points at either end of the closure to advise pedestrians the footway ahead is closed and to cross at the designated points. See other reports.

BFCC Induction & Training; It has been some years since the last training meeting (held in The Woodlands Hotel) and members agreed a session should be held in early 2026. Secretary requested Christine to arrange.

It was highlighted that the Broughty Ferry Xmas lights were switched on, 20th November 2025. It was noted that Fort Street and Gray Street along with Brook Street were used for various activities this year, a great improvement on previous years, with less congestion. Broughty Ferry Traders are congratulated on the changes made to this year's event.

Chair Doreen stated that private cars delivering food to the Ferry Fridge had been informed they were in breach of parking regulations, stopping outside the Ferry Fridge on double yellow lines. Regulations checked by John and parking on the west side is prohibited at all times, however, parking on the east side (including loading bay) is allowed for deliveries.

Broughty Castle; The group "Friends of Broughty Castle" have put discussions on hold until the February budget meeting.

Pilot Pier; I have been seeking some action to be taken to improve the appearance of the pilot pier. The broken chains were replaced earlier this year, and the Community Payback Team had been scheduled to paint the chains and bollards. I am awaiting a date for this to be carried out, this will be sometime into the new year.

4. Chairs Report

Ferry Fridge has been open for a month now, and going well. There has been lots of support from the various food outlets, including £2000 from the Co-op.

Thanks go to all the volunteers and admin for their time and work and collections of donations from the shops.

5. Matters raised by Members of the Public (Previously Intimated)

None.

6. Police Report (Previously Distributed)

LCPT have attended Forthill Primary to present a power point relating to antisocial behaviour to primary 5-7 classes. This was advising on how their behaviours have an impact on their community and how better choices will ensure their area is a happy and safe place to live.

LCPT attended Forthill Nursery to assist with their topic, people who help us. The children were read the book My Police, discussed the equipment Police carry to keep both themselves and the public safe. The children also had the chance to wear Police vests and hats and see the lights and sirens in action.

High visibility foot patrols and mobile patrols have been carried out in the Broughty Ferry area and will continue over the busy festive period.

LCPT have attended outside schools in the area which have the School Exclusion Zones enforced during busy morning drop off and after school pick-up. Any persons collecting children from the school requires a permit to enter the school exclusion zone. If they do not have a permit to enter the area at the specified times, conditional offer penalties were issued.

There has been recent complaints relating to vandalism to the Broughty Box. Persons responsible were traced in relation to the most recent vandalism and were dealt with accordingly.

LCPT have arranged dates and locations to carry out awareness events relating to Herbert Protocol. This is a UK-wide scheme that focuses on people living with dementia who may be at risk of going missing. Forms will be available for carers/family/friends to complete to assist should a person living with dementia be reported to Police as a missing person. Dates for these events will be advertised on Police social media.

7. Secretary's Report (Previously Distributed)

Correspondence

- 05/11 CRF application form forwarded from Christine (re. Breathing Space bench) passed on to Neil Cooney for completion.
- 06/11 Enquiry to Christine regarding activities for young people in the Ferry. Disability Sports Development Officer, Active Dundee responded with information and link to website.
- 10/11 Information received regarding a proposed weekly Broughty Ferry Parkrun, between the Esplanade and Monifieth.
- 20/11 DCC; Variation of restricted loading & waiting. Those in Broughty Ferry - (Brook Street, Esplanade, Harley Street, Panmure Street).
- 20/11 Info from Cllr Duncan regarding removal of fencing and signage at the partial collapsed wall in Davidson Street and update from Stuart Lyon, DCC Building Standards team leader.
- 20/11 Reply from Police Scotland ref Ferry light's switch on.
- 25/11 Info from Bailie Scott ref. Davidson Street wall, email from Stuart Lyon, update & repair to stop ongoing running costs.

26/11 Email from WECC ref DCC budget consultation with regard to removal of budget for community liaison/events for BFCC & WECC.

27/11 DCAG next meeting 6-7pm Thursday 18th December, Arthurstone Library

02/12 Info regarding a charity run through Broughty Ferry this Saturday, 6th December 25, around 10.00am by Kevin Sinfield for those impacted by Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

With regard to the above budget consultation, there was a lengthy discussion regarding removal/reduction of Community Regeneration fund, Community Officer, and Local Community Planning Partnership in both Broughty Ferry and West End, rationalisation of public toilet provision, No. 10 bus subsidy (evenings & Sunday), Beach Lifeguard service etc. A reduction should be across the board, not just Broughty Ferry and West End. BFCC strongly objects to this proposal with the closing date for consultation being 16/12/25.

Chair Doreen will respond to the budget consultation on behalf of BFCC.

8. Planning Report 3rd – 28th November 2025 (Previously Distributed)

Of the 11 planning and 3 tree applications validated and considered during the above period, none required attention.

John highlighted the previously discussed coach bus bay in Brook Street which BFCC had objected to due to possible traffic congestion, but were open to suggestions regarding travel. Following discussions with Broughty Ferry Traders and a trial run by a coach firm through Broughty Ferry (Gray Street, King Street, St.Vincent Street and Brook Street – with a 15 minute stop to allow passengers drop off/pick-up), it was agreed to remove the BFCC objection. The coach would then travel over the level crossing in Gray Street to park in a designated area, some way along Monifieth Road, until return to pick-up passengers.

John also stated, following discussion with Broughty Ferry Traders, it was hopeful a Traders representative would attend BFCC meetings, with a BFCC representative attending the Traders meetings.

9. Licensing Report.

Nothing to report

10. Public Relations Report

Nil to report.

11. Treasurers Report (Previously distributed)

Treasurer Tara presented the Statement of accounts; From 6th April indicated a present balance of £2,101.84 (Income, Admin grant - £652.54, BFCC funds - £226.92. Expenditure, £104.75, includes BOS bank account fees of £4.25/month).

BFCC Bank account changed from BOS to Virgin Money, operational as of November 2025, Virgin Money do not charge a monthly fee up to 10 transactions/month.

Along with Tara Javed, Neil Cooney is a named person on the account. It was intimated and agreed by majority, for ease of use and online banking, only one signature was required for transactions.

Tara was thanked for her time and work changing banks.

11a. LCPP Report (Previously Distributed)

No report, meeting due 6th November cancelled.

12. Matters Raised by Community Councillors (Previously Intimated)

Paper circulated on behalf of member George Laidlaw.

Road Hazard- Dalhousie Road/Cambustay Gardens; Raised by residents; Ongoing work at the former Cambustay hotel, residents are being placed in a hazardous situation due to the continued parking by works vehicles next to parking cones on Dalhousie Road. Whilst the Project Manager has been cooperative, the roads department have stated to residents that the company was not authorised to put out parking cones. The present workforce of 30 to 40 will soon go up to 80. Whilst drivers may take great care, this is a busy route, and concerned that the one miscalculation and there could be a serious accident.

Discussed with the Project Manager and fears allayed.

Westfield Road Traffic; We have been informed that work is unlikely to be undertaken or even a review made until Scotrail make a decision on rail line electrification. This is acceptable. As a resident of Westfield Road, I have had £1,500 of repairs required on my new car, just bought in May this year – two separate incidents.

My neighbours have had even higher bills from more than one accident. We requested a meeting over two years ago. BFCC took ownership of Traffic Issues. When will a meeting take place?. BFCC cannot take ownership of traffic issues, but there is room for improvement, Broughty Ferry Traders should liaise with DCC.

Planning Decision; Two years ago, a planning application was made for 26 Westfield Road. 11 months ago, the decision was made to refuse retrospective planning and the applicant was instructed to lower the height of the garage. This was supported by BFCC. To date nothing has been done. Are we wasting time and money going through a planning process or will enforcement action be taken. Bailie Scott to make further investigations.

13. Contributions from Elected Members

Bailie Derek Scott's Report;

Budget Consultation; The council is currently consulting on proposed savings for its 2026/27 budget. Included in the proposals are some that directly impact on our own community such as removing the lifeguarding service at Broughty Ferry beach, closing the public toilet at Barnhill Rock Garden, removing the communities officer from the Ferry ward, and ending the local community planning partnership, removing school crossing patrols at Luke Place and Fintry Place, and ceasing the subsidy that allows the number 10 bus to operate in the evening and on Sundays. There are other citywide proposals that will also impact on our area, and I am happy to expand on these if required at the meeting. I would urge everyone to take part in the consultation and make your views known.

Active travel junctions; I continue to get enquiries about the new active travel junctions at Panmure Street and Bridge Street. These junctions have been designed and constructed in accordance with the latest national design guidance. The design include features to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. There are ramped kerbs at the entry and exit of the junction to slow vehicles. Give way markings are provided both sides of the continuous footway to advise road users of the need to give way, firstly, to pedestrians and cyclists, then after slowly crossing the footpath, they give way to vehicular traffic on the main carriageway. The footway is continuous to emphasis to the road user that they are crossing a footway. These types of crossings will become more common across Scotland as time goes on.

Number 10 bus; I was asked if it would be possible for the number 10 bus to include central Broughty Ferry in its route. It makes sense given the layover they have and the need to get the bus turned.

The parking and sustainable transport team leader was to be raising it with the operator, if there is to be any change it will not be until sometime next year.

Davidson Street wall; This has been a long-standing issue. The wall has been structurally assessed by the city engineers and deemed not dangerous. Therefore, a minor patch repair of the area that was fenced off has been carried out. This will limit any further dilapidation and restrict moisture ingress.

Height restriction Brook Street car park; I was contacted about the need for clearer signage at Brook Street car park. While there is no signage at the entrance to the car park, there are hazard markings in place to alert drivers to the potential height restriction. Additionally, there is a sign on the pavement opposite the entrance which indicates the actual clearance, which is not ideal. A check is being made of any incidents that might suggest a need for additional signage. If the data indicates that further signage is necessary, an order will be placed.

While the car park itself is owned by Dundee City Council, the adjacent buildings are not, so consideration will need to be given to the most suitable location for any new signage.

Forthill Drive; The possibility of making Forthill Drive one way has been raised several times over the years. Following recent representations made to me it was looked at again. I have been advised by the council's road safety team that there is no recorded incidents and therefore no plans to introduce a one-way system on the grounds that it would likely increase vehicle speeds, which runs counter to road safety objectives and could raise the risk of accidents .

Finally, Merry Christmas to all.

Cllr Craig Duncan's Report;

Reres Park Handrail; Part of the handrail on the steps at the west side of the park sustained damage when struck by a sizeable falling branch. I reported this and am pleased to say that the damage has been made good and the handrail reinstated.

Brook Street Pavement Restriction; As most people will be aware part of the pavement on the north side of Brook Street outside Superdrug has been cordoned off for some weeks now, following the collapse of some masonry in high winds.

I have been in touch with Building Standards at the council on several occasions and they assure me that they are in touch with those responsible for repairs and hope to see action soon but meantime the restrictions are considered to be a necessity in the interests of public safety.

Campfield Square Car Park; This is a privately owned facility and it's owners have decided to introduce parking restrictions such as a time limit and no overnight parking, with potential penalty notices by a private company for such violations including failure to park within a marked bay. Reaction from shops and the public has been somewhat mixed and time will tell how things work in practice but I have been in touch with the managing agents to suggest that they may wish to review how adequate or otherwise the width of the parking bays are in light of the size of several modern vehicles and that extra spaces might usefully be created by removing the seldom used shopping trolley stand in the car park and having shops such as the co-op have a few available outside their store as Iceland does.

I am also advised that several businesses will be able to “white list” customers, tradespeople etc requiring to park for longer than the newly introduced 2 hour maximum stay.

Also, in conjunction with the Community Centre the managing agents will ensure that measures are put in place to ensure that many varied users of the community centre are not inconvenienced and I shall certainly keep an eye on how all this unfolds.

Real Time Bus Displays; Regrettably I continue to personally observe and receive complaints about inaccurate and sometimes non-existent information at bus shelters with these services displays which is extremely unhelpful for would be travellers and I raised such concerns with appropriate council officers.

Queen Street Utility Cover; Some weeks ago, I reported a utility cover on Queen Street at its junction with Gray Street and although various road work related signs etc appeared two or three weeks ago no work has occurred. I questioned this and am advised that it was initially thought that temporary traffic lights would be sufficient to allow works but it has since been decided that a temporary road closure will be needed and details will emerge.

Beach Crescent “Broughty Box” Vandalism; In recent weeks to this decommissioned red telephone box has been vandalised on at least three occasions known to me and I reported this to police and community safety wardens. I was recently advised by the police that they have identified those responsible and they will be dealt with appropriately.

14. AOCB

It was highlighted, the garden area to the rear of the library is overgrown and removal of a tree is required to make it a green open space. This work should commence in January 2026.

Short discussion regarding Broughty Ferry churches; the sale of St. Lukes & Queen Street has fallen through, St James is to be sold with St Stephens still operational until at least 2030.

Note; There is no BFCC Ordinary meeting in January.

Date of next meeting;

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7.00pm in Broughty Ferry Library.

Chair.....

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